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Dr. Pauling
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Dear Dr. Pauling:

Would you have a place in your anesthesia program for an able Japanese neurochemist who is most anxious to see science in the U.S.? Main limitation - his spoken English was primitive, but I suspect he has been studying diligently. He has actually made some significant contributions in the study of brain proteins (curare-binding and now phenothiazine-binding), and he plainly could be beautifully complementary to the other scientific capabilities in your laboratory. If I had as explicitly focussed a problem as anesthesia going in my own laboratory, I would happily take him on here. Our present situation, however, calls for a rather higher degree of autonomous responsibility than I could confide in him with the language problem.

Kumamoto is as remote a place research-wise as you could find, and I was especially impressed what Kiyota could accomplish in the circumstances.

Yours truly,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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Robert Pauling